

## EVOLUTION OF RIVAL TOWNS

Weaker Absorbs Stronger Within a Period of Two Years.

At One Time Chilkoot Was the Only Feasible Route to the Interior—Dyea's Departed Glory.

Probably the greatest business evolution ever witnessed in once rival towns has taken place in the history of Dyea and Skagway within the past two years. Three rivalry between the points was principally as to the merits of their respective trails and passes to and over the summit; and it must be confessed that for a long time Dyea got the trade and Skagway the unenviable reputation of being the most pestilential as well as the "wickedest town on earth." The steamer on which the writer came to Alaska 25 months ago carried 76 passengers from the Sound and of that number the scribe and one other passenger stopped at Skagway, the other 74 going on to Dyea; and had the other two been intending to push on to the interior the human cargo of that steamer would have doubtless been unanimous for Dyea.

During all that summer and until the advent of the railroad to Skagway, the majority of the traffic from salt water to the interior was over the Chilkoot, on which many thousands of dollars had been expended in the erection of an aerial tramway system which was then considered sufficient to forever keep Dyea to the front and constitute her the one and only gateway to the interior. But to Skagway the railroad was the star of Bethlehem. In a short time the entire business of Dyea was absorbed and she became as a deserted village of the plain; and her death knell was doubly sounded a few months ago when the railroad company purchased her only remaining hope, the tramway. A late Skagway paper says:

"All that remains of the once magnificent system of tramways over the Chilkoot pass now lies in a heap in a warehouse of the White Pass railroad in the north end of Skagway. The work of taking down the tramway was begun February 1st, and now there are no signs on the pass of the former transportation system but a few vacant buildings and the insignificant scars where the braces were bolted to the mountains. Included in the material that was a part of the tramway system are 45 miles of cable, three steam engines and one gasoline engine. There were three tramways in this system originally, one of them eight miles long, one a mile long and the third 3000 feet long. Two and sometimes more strands of cable were employed in each system, thus increasing the mileage of cable.

### On Dominion.

Mr. Stevenson, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, returned on Saturday from a week's trip up and down Dominion, where he has been looking after the bank's interests. Mr. Stevenson made the trip on horseback and reports the trail in bad shape.

Sluicing had not begun to any extent when he left the creek, but preparations were well under way. There is plenty of water already for washing, but the weather is not sufficiently warm for general operations.

Capt. Bliss is now stationed at the mouth of Lombard creek, but expects to move his headquarters to Caribou shortly.

Mr. Stevenson thinks there will be a shortage of water on the creek when the season is a little farther advanced.

### Gets What He Wants.

"We get a good deal of business from wealthy natives of South and Central America," said a clerk in a large clothing and furniture store, "and there is one rather amusing feature in that class of trade. The average Latin-American gentleman will never make a purchase until he is absolutely certain he is getting what he wants. There may be a moral certainty, but that isn't enough.

"A few days ago, to illustrate what I mean, a planter from San Juan, Costa Rica, came in and selected six dozen white linen shirts, a gross of collars and another gross of cuffs to match the outfit. The shirts were of a standard make and all of one pattern—as like as two peas—and the same was true of the collars and cuffs. When the planter finally made his selection, he told me in broken English that he was ready to try the things on, and, showing him into a private room, I sent him a shirt and set of collars and cuffs. Presently he stuck his head out of the door and said:

"These ez all right. Ple-se sen me ze remaindair."

"I told the porter to carry in the lot, and he proceeded to try on 72 shirts and 144 collars and cuffs. As you may well imagine, it took time, for he dressed himself fully when he put on each garment, to judge how it set with his clothes. He began at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and when we closed at 6 had worked his way through 14 shirts.

"Next day he began at 9 sharp, took an hour off for lunch and satisfied himself that he wasn't being bunked on 30 more. That left 28, which he finished off the following evening. With each shirt he tried on two collars and two pairs of cuffs. Of course he found all the different articles exact duplicates, just as I tried to explain to him in advance, but he wasn't taking any chances and handed over the price with an easy mind.

"Nearly all our other customers from that part of the world do substantially the same thing. I once sold a Guatemala official a whole case of socks, and he insisted on trying one very pair and lacing up his shoes over them. It was a tedious operation and caused him to miss a ship, but he stuck to it to the bitter end. Queer people these Central Americans."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

### George Washington, Jr.

The record breaker of all the record-making mushers who have ever come to Skagway has arrived and is at the Occidental, says the Alaskan. His name is Ed Hutton, but he is better known both here and in Juneau as Ed Dillon. Last summer he was working on the Dyea trail until October, when he started in for Dawson, and states that since he left Bennett in that month he has traveled 11,961 miles. He says:

"I started from Bennett just before navigation closed, and went 200 miles in a boat, and the remainder of the distance to Dawson on the ice. I immediately left Dawson for Nome. That's a great country. It's full of gold. The beach is full of gold all the way round the Arctic coast to the mouth of the Mackenzie.

"Having staked our claims at Nome, we followed around the Arctic beach to the Mackenzie, and thence out across to Koyukuk. Found 101 old Klondikers there that I knew. All the creeks in the district are named after Juneau and Skagway girls. One man named ten creeks after one Skagway belle.

"Altogether new system of mining there. They use one of those railroad one horse scrapers on bedrock and then ground sluice it, nuggets too big to go in a sluice box. None to be found less than the first joint of your thumb.

"There was 107 of us who came out from Koyukuk. When we struck Birch creek, we crossed country to Jack Wade creek. Some of the boys there were ready to come out to have a good time; 307 altogether came out. And we stacked the gold right up in Dawson streets and started to give 'em a good time.

"How much had we? Well, every man put about 500 pounds on his sled just to steady it; must have ten ton all told. That's about it, but you had better say five, some fellow might think me nutty.

"Went across to Big Salmon on coming out; 101 old time Yunkoners there. They live at Sucker Camp. Great country that is. Got old mining laws as well as at Koyukuk. Need not stake a claim. Everyone allowed to work anywhere. Nuggets can be picked up at Big Salmon like pebbles on a beach.

"In going to Juneau to rest."

### Dairy for Dawson.

L. H. Heidinger, formerly proprietor of the Pacific market, in this city, arrived on the City of Topeka with twelve cows and a number of calves. He will take these cows and a few others to Dawson at the opening of navigation and start a dairy in the Klondike metropolis. He will also take in eggs, butter and potatoes. Mr. Heidinger says:

"It is my intention to run the dairy or have my son run it in Dawson just as long as it will pay. In the winter we may kill the cows for beef. The cows will cost me \$200 each by the time I land them in Dawson. They cost \$75 each on the Sound, the freight and feed to this point amounted to \$20 to \$25, and freight and feed down the river will be about \$100. It will also cost to keep them here until the opening of navigation.

"While on the Sound I made an effort to get space, for Nome, but was unsuccessful. Every inch of space available for such purpose was sold."

—Alaskan.

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## GRAND FORKS ITEMS.

Claud Higgins and C. V. Morrison are performing manual labor on No. 20 Eldorado during the clean-up period.

James Nesbit, formerly of the Tacoma News, is making a tour of the creeks and incidentally taking a peep at the town after the shades of evening fall.

Frank Phiscator, owner of No. 2 Eldorado, which ground Steam Thawer Miller has been working under a lay the past season, is on the creek looking after the wash-up.

Bert Shuler, one of the proprietors of the Gold Hill hotel and bar, a lothario who has won many battles in conquests of love, is thinking of taking in the Nome country on the opening of navigation.

The new store building of the N. A. T. Co. is an imposing structure. The main building is two story, 30x50 feet, with an addition 20x30 feet, and is the best constructed building at the Forks. It is outside the fire belt and is connected with the more thickly populated portion by a newly constructed wagon bridge across Bonanza creek.

Homer Bean, the wide-awake and energetic representative of Orr & Tukey, formerly with Pickett & Devlin, is one of the busiest men in town. He is thoroughly reliable, always courteous, and all who the confidence and good will of all who know him.

Mrs. A. B. Ferguson, the telephone operator here, is fully occupied with the work of the office; a great volume of business going over the wire daily. It has proven a great benefit to mine-owners and operators, and saved many long, hard walks over rough trails that would have otherwise been experienced.

Faulkner & Kronert's pumping plant is now in active operation and forces with ease a good sluice head of water to the highest dumps on Gold Hill. This will enable handling a good deal of dirt that under the more primitive methods was not profitable to work.

The restless spirit which has possessed laymen and mine-owners the past two weeks is rapidly fading away, as the weather becomes warmer and the work of sluicing fairly began. The cold nights have materially reduced the water supply and kept the dumps frozen, and little sluicing has been done in consequence, though nearly all the miners are ready to commence this work, and are only awaiting the elements to favor them.

A good dentist would do a good business at the Forks during the next two months.

### Remembered With Horror.

There are in Dawson a large number of persons who arrive here by one of three trails, namely: "Sitkeen," "Edmonton" or "Ashcroft" and to them the very thought of what they passed through to reach the famed gold fields of the Klondike produces to this day a feeling of horror which causes the cold chills to creep over them. These people will readily appreciate the sentiment of the following from the Skagway News:

"In these days of steamboat and railroad travel to interior Alaska, the public has almost forgotten that less than three years ago many misguided people were striving to reach Dawson City by an overland route known to fame as the 'Edmonton trail.' The folly of those argonauts is again called to mind by the arrival in Wrangel last week of one of the last of the survivors of the overland gold-hunters. For over two years he had toiled and suffered and only reached civilization after his partner had been lost, he knew not where. The 'Sitkeen,' 'Edmonton,' and 'Ashcroft' routes, were at one time lively rivals of the 'Gateway' route, but have long since been forgotten, only to be remembered when some unfortunate survivor finds his way out of the wilderness."

Will the party who took a book from the dressing-room of the McDonald hall, Saturday night, return it to the Nugget office.

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### Public Notice.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of two certain chattel mortgages bearing dates respectively, the 18th and 28th April, 1900, which have been duly filed and made between Robert Arthur Rogers, William J. Parsons and John Parsons, the elder, carrying on business under the style firm and name of The Parsons Produce Company and the Imperial Bank of Canada, I have this day taken possession of all and singular the goods merchandise, chattels and effects and things of The Parsons Produce Company now being in upon and about lots nine and ten, block U, in the original townsite of Dawson, in the Yukon territory, and all the merchandise goods, chattels, effects and things now situate and being in a store on First avenue, between First and Second streets, wherein the said Parsons Produce Company were lately carrying on business, on behalf of the Imperial Bank of Canada, under and by virtue of the powers in the said chattel mortgages respectively contained.

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